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JOHN ALEX McCONE



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November 18, 1976

Dear George:

Thank you very much for yours of November 10th concerning the current Federal Grand Jury hearings. As you know, I appeared on Tuesday, November 16th.

The hearings were laborious, lasting almost four hours but I do not think any classified information was compromised nor were the names of any of your current or former employees raised during the interview other than Dick Helms, Walter Elder and Jack Maury.

I was met at the airport on Monday evening by Walter Elder who told me that Justice had suggested that the Agency not supply me with copies of or permit my access to Agency documents, memoranda, etc., which apparently had been delivered to Justice and were to be used by Mr. Carver and others in my interrogation. In view of this restraint, I did not stop at Langley except to drop Walt off at his car. He carried no papers with him.

Obviously, I had little if any recollection of discussions that took place at various meetings, breakfasts or telephone conversations of several years ago. Therefore, I was something less than the most informative witness and, at times, was concerned that the Jury might think I was "stonewalling" which was not the case. This was my first experience with a Federal Grand Jury. The game is played under rules that give the interrogator all the cards - the witness, none.

I was permitted access to only one memorandum - a memorandum for the record of Mr. Broe's meeting with [redacted] in July of 1970. I was asked to read parts of this memorandum aloud to the Jury which I did. I was greatly troubled because Mr. Broe's memorandum for the record contradicted his own as well as several others' sworn testimony before the Church Committee.

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I am reluctant to comment to any extent on my testimony although I was assured by Mr. Carver and Mr. Andary that I am under no restraints from either the Grand Jury or the Department of Justice. Nevertheless, I feel it best to observe some confidentiality in connection with the testimony, at least for the time being.

Again, thank you very much for your letter.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,



The Honorable  
George Bush  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

P. S. I will not return to Washington until January. Ty and I will spend New Year's in Spain, returning to Washington on the Concorde from Paris on January 5th and will be in your city on the 6th and 7th. Hope we can have a visit.

J. A. M.

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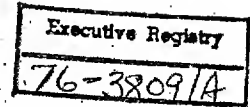
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The Director  
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10 NOV 1976

Mr. John Alex McCone  
612 South Flower Street  
Los Angeles, California 90017

Dear John:

I thank you for your note of 20 October, advising that you had received my 13 October memorandum on the subject of the investigation being conducted by the Department of Justice and the possibility that you might be summoned to appear as a witness before the federal grand jury that is now hearing evidence in this investigation.

As my legal staff understands it, based on its contacts with the Justice Department attorneys who are handling the investigation, there is no intention to pursue questions relating to the Agency's activities in Chile in 1964. Rather the focus is on the 1970 Chilean elections and subsequent testimony given in connection with the Agency's activities, and those of ITT, in relation to those elections. I should add, however, that we are not able to speak with total confidence about the exact scope of the investigation, or the specific charges that may be under consideration, inasmuch as the Justice Department attorneys have not felt very free to discuss with us the progress or development of their case.

Numerous current and former Agency employees have been interviewed in the course of the investigation. In addition, the Justice Department attorneys have had complete access to all relevant Agency files, and they have asked us in a series of requests over the last few months to review and declassify to the fullest extent possible a large number of documents contained in our files. That process, now largely completed, has resulted in the declassification and release to Justice of many of the requested documents, either with or without deletions, and these documents are now in the custody of Mr. George Allen Carver, the Justice attorney who has played the lead role in the investigation. In this connection it is our understanding that the examination of witnesses before the grand jury will not extend to matters that remain classified. You should be aware, however, that the names of certain current and former Agency employees, together with other items of information that may relate to the investigation, have

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been deleted from the documents released to Justice and so far as we know have never come into the public domain. These names and other items of information are known to Mr. Carver, and you of course are at liberty to consult with him or the Agency's Office of General Counsel should questions arise as to the continued classification of any matter about which you may be examined. As to the likely extent and direction of that examination, the lines of inquiry that may be followed, the documents about which you may be asked, etc., the only source of authoritative advice is Mr. Carver.

Apart from the documents that have been declassified and released by this Agency, and whatever testimony the grand jury may hear about these documents from Agency witnesses, and apart from whatever evidence Justice may have developed independently of this Agency, a good deal of information about the relevant events in Chile in 1970, and the subsequent testimony about those events, are already in the public domain. Much of that information may be found in three Senate publications. Volume 7 is entitled "Covert Action" and dated December 4 and 5, 1975. The second is the Interim Report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities entitled "Alleged Assassination Plots Involving Foreign Leaders" (9th Cong. 1st Sess., Report No. 94-465, November 20, 1975). The third is Part I of the Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations of the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate. Part I of the Hearings on Multinational Corporations and United States Policy is on the International Telephone and Telegraph Company and Chile, 1970-1971. These hearings are dated March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29, and April 2, 1973.\*

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



George Bush

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this to be sure it was accurate.  
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\* I am told that you may have most of these bulky materials they will be here for your perusal.

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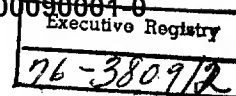
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THE DIRECTOR

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a draft- or quick feel for his last  
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JOHN ALEX McCONE

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October 20, 1976

Dear George:

Thank you very much for your memorandum of October 13th advising me of the possibility of a Grand Jury investigation into Agency activities in Chile.

I have testified on this subject a number of times before committees on the Hill, the Rockefeller Commission and elsewhere but always in doing so, have carefully protected areas considered sensitive or secret. I have no hesitancy in testifying before a Grand Jury without benefit of outside counsel - and, indeed, outside counsel not fully cleared would be useless. However, if called before the Grand Jury, I would like to take advantage of your offer to consult with your General Counsel on specific questions concerning proper handling of classified information.

I am sure your staff had had access to my testimony and the testimony of other Agency personnel including Dick Helms and I would be most interested in learning whether their review of testimony indicates differences or contradictions.

Incidentally, I was never called upon to discuss in any detail any actions of the Agency in Chile prior to 1970 although from time to time, references were made to the 1964 election. Could your General Counsel determine from the Department of Justice as to whether their investigation is to be limited to the 1970-73 period or if it is their intent to pursue questions on earlier periods. If so, a certain amount of preparation on my part would be indicated.

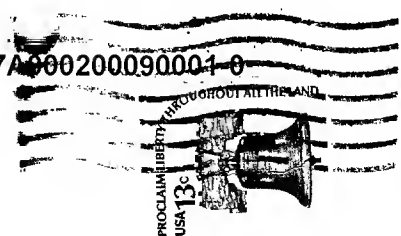
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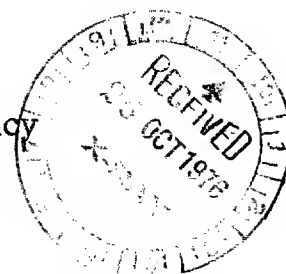
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